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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:
BASELMANS ET AL.
Application No.: 09/905,198

Confirmation Number: 3046
Group Art Unit: 1756

Filed: July 16, 2001

Examiner: Mohamedulla

Title: ASSIST FEATURES FOR USE IN LITHOGRAPHIC PROJECTION

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2003, Applicant elects Group I (i.e., claims 1–16, 18, 22, and 23), with traverse. In requiring restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121, the Examiner states that “[i]n the instant case, the product [of Group I] can be used in a materially different process, such as an electron beam exposure process.” Applicant respectfully notes that use of such an exposure process is encompassed by at least some of the claims of Group II. See, e.g., paragraph 3 of the specification as filed.